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SUBJ: CURRENT MEDIA REACTION

TIMES OF MALTA (CONSERVATIVE) AUGUST 7 EDITORIAL TITLED "EGYPT-
PLO RIFT" STATES:

"AN OPEN RIFT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. THE CAUSE IS THE STAND RIGHTLY TAKEN
BY EGYPT IN REFUSING TO SUPPORT A PROPOSAL TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM
THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, AT THE RECENT SUMMIT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN KAMPALA....

EYPTIAN PREISDENT ANWAR SADAT HOLDS THE VIEW THAT HE IS WILLING
TO USE THE THREAT OF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION TO PRESSURIZE ISRAEL BUT
CONSIDERS THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIPT AND IT IS NOT EXPEDIENT TO
APPLY SUCH A THREAT NOW. IF SUCH A THREAT IS EVER CARRIED THROUGH
TO THE UNITED NATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IT WILL SURELY ALIENATE
THE UNITED STATES AND BRING ABOUT A SUDDEN HALT IN AMERICAN
INITIATIVES TOWARDS LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

PREISDENT SADAT KNOWS ONLY TOO WELL THE INFLUENCE THAT THE
UNITED STATES EXERTS ON ISRAEL, MOREOVER HE SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN
THE NEW FOUND FRINEDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND PRBABLY
WITH OTHER WESTERN NATIONS... PRESIDENT SADAT IS REALISTIC
ENOUGH TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF MAINTAINING SUCH FRIENDSHIP WITH
THE U.S. AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS AGAINST THE
DOUBTFUL OUTCOME OF HAVE ISRAEL EXPELLED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS,
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PARTICULARLY ON A RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS

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